

# Ealing Fields Residents Association

## **Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.15pm at the Log Cabin Children's Centre, 259 Northfield Avenue**

### **1 Welcome and apologies for absence**

**Present:** Roger Jarman (RJ) (Chair), Cheryl Burke (CB), Andrew Dick (AD), Wendy Hallam (WH), Raj Kapoor (RK), Diane Kerr (DK), Keith Marriage (KM), John Russell (JR), Sally Malin (SM), Cllrs Paul Driscoll (PD) and Ian Kingston (IK) (except for items after item 10) and Christine Dymond (SM) (Street Rep).

**Observing:** Christine Dymond (CD) (Street Rep)

**Apologies:** Carol Atkinson (CA), Jane Cocking (JC), Charlie Cooper (CC), Clive Herring (CH), Helen Johnson (HJ), Holly Perry (HP) and Cllr Kim Nagpal (KN).

The Committee passed on its best wishes to Holly Perry for her brother and family following her brother's recent illness.

### **2 Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and matters arising from previous meetings**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as drafted. All **Matters Arising** appeared on the main agenda.

### **3 Planning and licensing matters**

**(a) Proposals for development of land behind Overdale Road** – Section 106 agreement issues. There was likely to be a need to forego the affordable housing element to proceed with the build.

**(b) Proposal for development of land at Orion Park** – the contractor had now been selected with development due to begin in April.

**(c) SuDS planning application (Lammas Park)** – The low-level fencing remained in place, and an inspection was due to take place in the next few days prior to its removal. PD explained that the ground needed to dry out before it would be possible for the posts to be dug out mechanically. The fencing was to be removed from the main recreation area but retained around the swales with the new planting needing to establish itself around the drainage area. The planting would act as a buffer zone. A padlocked gate around the play area had been recommended by ROSPA for safety reasons. There would only be two entrances, rather than the four as previously. In relation to water testing, ammonia levels were acceptable, and tests for e-coli and other matter had come up as 'excellent/good'. There had been no flooding in properties in the area as previously despite high levels of rainfall.

**(d) Planning application for restaurant / HMO at 185 Northfield Avenue** – this planning application had now been rejected.

**(e) Ealing Christian Centre** – New, electronic signage was planned. EFRA had not made a formal response but would keep a watching brief on developments.

**(f) Other planning issues** – In relation to questions about East Lodge, Lammas Park, PD reported that the property had now been placed within a Conservation Area; however the issue with security of the site would be checked (**action: PD**).

### **4 Transport and parking**

**(a) Road improvements at the Plough Junction** – much needed gully works by the bus stop would be completed shortly.

**(b) School streets for Little Ealing Primary School and local schools more generally** – School Street schemes were subject to a review at the six-month point, and LEPS review point was Easter. It was reported that fines of £75k had accrued in the first 2 months of operation of the LEPS scheme. Monies from parking related activities were ringfenced and paid for CPZ management, School Streets, Highway projects and the Freedom Pass scheme.

## 5 Environment

**(a) Removal of redundant steps from Bramley Road Gardens** – these had now been taken down by LBE and Parks had suggested a planting scheme.

**(b) Mounds in Blondin Park** – these were still an issue. PD would check what was happening and report back (**action: PD**).

**(c) Flower beds at Plough Junction** – Another date for the working party would be fixed, likely to be in mid-April. WH would be in contact with the Committee with some proposed dates for Wednesdays /Thursdays (**action: WH**).

**(d) Alleyways in the vicinity of Chandos Avenue** – There continued to be incidents of fly-tipping, and local businesses filling green wheelie bins with fat. Drug dealing was ongoing. A fence had also collapsed which needed repairing but the owner was not taking responsibility. DK had recently met with Councillors (IK) and an LBE Environment Officer. PD referred to the alley gate fund.

**(e) Julien Road bus stop – pooling of water** - See 4 (a) above.

**(f) Pavement conditions / trip hazards** – CA's partner had recently suffered a heavy fall. The issue would be held over to the next meeting, for CA to be able to provide further details.

**(g) Early morning noise from LEPS** – The noise from music had stopped. Issues remained with the Sports teacher shouting, and building works being undertaken outside set times. The item would be removed from the agenda as it was considered that the school could not carry out further actions to mitigate the perceived nuisance.

**(h) Tree management in the EFRA area** – The dead sapling outside 77 Chandos Avenue, reported more than 3 years ago, had finally been replaced with a new sapling. KM would give feedback to PD. It was reported that for the financial year 2025/26, a tree survey had been undertaken for the central Ealing area, which encompassed Northfields.

**(h) Leaf collection: progress report** – Most collections had now been made though there remained some bags at the LEL end of Chandos Avenue, near the nursery. Post Christmas it was noted that residents did not (in general) collect leaves that had gathered in gutters/gullies. It was suggested that LAGER Can could help clear leaves as well as litter every New Year. This would be revisited at the end of the year.

**(i) Cleaning of gullies** – A programme of gully cleaning was underway, east and west of Northfields, and Northfields would be next.

**(j) Blondin Park festival proposal** – the application had been withdrawn.

**(k) Lime bikes** – PD advised that a programme of rolling out marked out bays for E bikes and E scooters was now underway. It was noted that EFRA had formally responded to the consultation about the parking of E bikes etc. This was an ongoing issue that would require the Committee's continual engagement.

## 6 Community safety

RJ reported that the next Police ward meeting would take place on 24 March in Blondin Pavilion. There were 7 new officers for the Ealing Broadway/West Ealing area which it was hoped would improve safety.

## 7 Heathrow – Runway 3

KM stated that there were no updates to report.

## 8 Additional Government funding for LAs

It was reported that £130m had been granted to LBE which had been largely committed to Childrens' and Adult social services.

## **9 Any other business**

There was no other business.

## **10 Date of next Committee meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7:15pm** subject to the Log Cabin's availability.

## **11 Treasurer's report**

HP had provided a written report which set out that the current bank balance was currently £3,177.88. EFRA had this month paid an invoice from Krystal Hosting Ltd - £28.76 for the website's domain name for three years. On 9 February EFRA had paid the membership fee for the London Forum - £28.00. We have yet to pay the following and need to do so in March /April before year end: Log cabin for use of space for meetings (*post meeting note – now paid*); HACAN (*post meeting note – now chased for up-to-date information on subscription charges*); ENAG (*post meeting note – also chased*).

## **12 Membership matters / newsletter / e-newsletter / website**

**(a) Membership report** – CH had collected a further £6 in subs and £2 in donations.

**(b) Newsletters** – RJ proposed that this year a single page/two-sided printed newsletter be produced primarily to provide notification of the AGM and to include membership form. This would involve a lot less work and would yield savings on production costs. The suitability of the new format can be reviewed following the AGM. Newsletter to be distributed in May prior to the AGM set for 10<sup>th</sup> June. After discussion the proposed new format for the printed newsletter was agreed subject to review post AGM (**action: RJ plus Editorial Gp**). In early April RJ will draft an E newsletter giving notice of the AGM and reviewing EFRA's activities since December (**action: RJ plus Editorial Gp with CH to circulate to EFRA members on email**).

**(c) Website development update - online donations** – CB reported that the *Stripe* account had now been set up by HP and needed to be added to the website (**action: HP/CB**).